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SUBJ: CHANGE OF COUNTRY CATEGORY FOR GREECE

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1. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE JUST LAUNCHED DISCUSSIONS ON THE WHOLE FUTURE OF US FACILITIES IN GREECE, IT SEEMS MOST UNTIMELY TO HAVE CJUSMAGG INFORM THE DEFENSE MINISTER (WHICH WOULD BE CLEARLY PREFERABLE TO IT REACHING THE GOG THROUGH REPORTS FROM ITS ATTACHE'S IN WASHINGTON) THAT GREECE HAS BEEN RECATEGORIZED FOR HANDLING OF MILITARY PURCHASES IN A MANNER WHICH THEY WILL INTERPRET AS INDICATION THAT GREECE IS NOW REGARDED AS LESS TRUSTWORTHY OR MATURE. WE ARE FACING ENOUGH DIFFICULTIES IN RE-ESTABLISHING THE KIND OF SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WHICH WILL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND GREECE OVER THE YEARS AHEAD WITHOUT CREATING NEW PROBLEMS FOR OURSELVES.

2. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THAT GREECE CONTINUE TO BE COUNTED AS A CATEGORY "A" COUNTRY UNDER REF A FOR PURCHASES OF MAJOR OR CAPITAL END ITEMS OF DEFENSE ARTICLES.

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